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SUBJECT: ICRC ACTION PRISON UPRISING

REF: STATE 85264

1. NESSI WAS CONTACTED APRIL 4 AND WAS FULLY AWARE OF INCIDENT. HE STATED THAT ICRC HAD MADE NO REQUEST EITHER HERE OR IN BUENOS AIRES TO CONDUCT AUTOPSIES. HOWEVER, ICRC HEADQUARTERS DID INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATE IN ARGENTINA TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THOSE KILLED AT VILLA DEVOTO PRISON WERE POLITICAL PRISONERS OR COMMON CRIMINALS. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE ALL COMMON CRIMINALS, AND THAT A LIST OF NAMES WOULD BE PUBLISHED SUBSEQUENTLY.

2. NESSI SAID THAT "FOR THE TIME BEING" ICRC WAS DOING NOTHING IN THIS MATTER, SINCE IT HAD NO MANDATE TO INVESTIGATE "A RIOT INVOLVING COMMON CRIMINALS". IT IS, HOWEVER, STILL AWAITING PUBLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT LIST OF THOSE KILLED, WHICH IT WILL SCRUTINIZE CLOSELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER IN FACT ANY OF THOSE AMONG THE DEAD WERE POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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